

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-26, drawn to illumination control of a camera flash, classified in class 348, subclass 371; and

Group II, claim 27, drawn to the optical components of a camera flash, classified in class 396, subclass 200.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-26.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

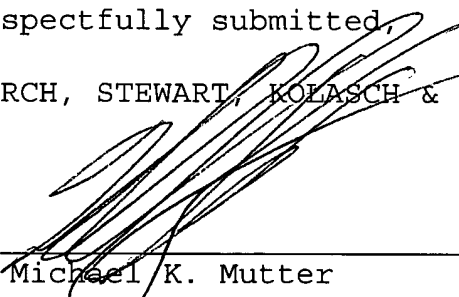
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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